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SUBJ: (U) SYRIAN/EGYPT BUILDUP

1. (U) 25x1 , IDF INTEL LIAIS OFF AT 07307
5 OCT 73. REUTER MADE 3 MAIN POINTS.

- 2. (S/NFD) DURING NIGHT OF 4-5 OCT, IDF IDENTIFIED 11 UNSKED SOVIET PASSENGER A/C TO MIDDLE FAST. 6 LANDED AT CAIRD AND 5 LANDED AT DAMASCUS.
- 3. (S/NFD) IDE SENSES AN INCREASED READINESS IN ALL ARMS DE EGYPTIAN MILITARY WHICH DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE RELATED TO LABGE SCALE EXERCISE WHICH REUTER STILL CLAIMS IS TAKING PLACE. HE STATED THAT TANKS (NR UNK) HAVE MOVED UP TO 1ST LINE ON SUFFICIAL AND 60 ADDITIONAL ARTY BITYS DEPLOYED NR CANAL BRINGING TOTAL TO 200 BITYS.
- 4. (S/NED) IN A RARE BURST OF MODESTY, REUTER CONCEDED THAT IDE INTELL NOT TOALLY OMNISCIENT AND REQUESTED US ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION. HE POSED 3 QUESTIONS FOR DIA: A. WHAT IS MEANING AND OBJECTIVE OF UNUSUAL SOV UNSKED FLTS?

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\*WHSR COMMENT

B. WHAT IS OBJECTIVE OF EGYPTIAN READINESS? DOES U.S. SEE ANY SIGNS OF OFFENSIVE INTENT?
C. DITTO ON SYRIAN READINESS AND INTENT? HOW DOES US ASSESS APPEARANCE OF SUKHOIS AT DUMAYR?

5. (S/NFD) COMMENT: IT IS OBVIOUS TO DATT THAT IDE LESS THAN CONFIDENT IN THEIR EARLIER OPTIMISTIC ESTIMATE OF SITUATION. APPEARANCE OF ADDITIONAL DISQUIFTING FACTORS IS OBVIOUSLY GIVING THEM SECOND THOUGHTS. THEIR UNEASINESS APPEARS TO BE HEIGHTENED BY APPROACH OF YOM KIPPUR WHICH BEGINS AT SUNSET TONIGHT, THUS SHOWING THAT FEAR OF ATTACK ON HOLY DAYS IS NOT UNIQUE TO EGYPT. COORD WITH POL. XGDS-1

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